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THE STORY SO FAR...

When **Belnika** discovers **Haru** is one of the intruders that she's supposed to dispatch, she begins to question whether she's on the side of good or evil. She then confronts **Hardner** about the true agenda of his plans, prompting him to force her to help him fuse with **Endless** and be reborn as a god. When Haru comes to her aid, Hardner knocks both Haru and Belnika off the **Altar of Birth** and seemingly to their deaths...



THE RAVE MASTER CREW

HARU GLORY

A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword**, a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. With Demon Card seemingly out of the way, Haru now seeks the remaining two Rave Stones in order to open the way to Star Memory.

ELIE

The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion**.

RUBY

A "penguin-type" senteniod, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!

GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)

Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elie.

MUSICA

A "**Silverclaimer**" (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?

LET

A member of the Dragon race, he was formerly a member of the Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master.

PLUE

The **Rave Bearer**, Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.

THE ORACION SIX

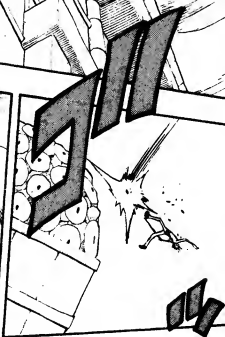
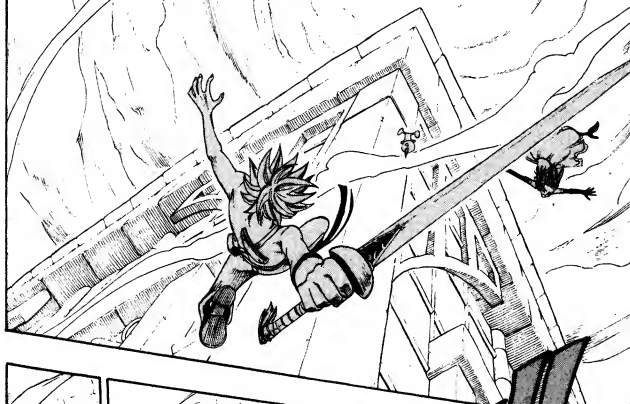
Demon Card's six generals. Haru defeated Shuda after finding the Rave of Wisdom. The other five generals were presumed dead after King destroyed Demon Card Headquarters.



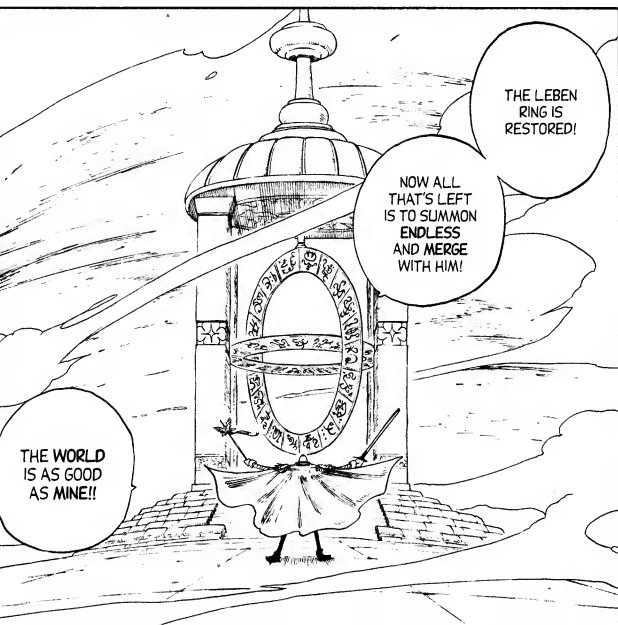
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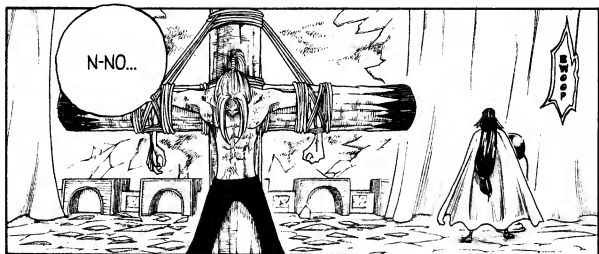




HARU!!









!!

RELEASE
HIM.

CAN WE
KILL HIM?

IF THE GIRL'S
DEAD, WE DON'T
NEED THE OLD
MAN ANYMORE.



LIFE
HOLDS NO
MEANING
FOR ME
NOW!

NO...
K-KILL
ME...



SHOW
SOME PITY
FOR A
CHANGE.

THE FIFTEEN-
YEAR RUSE IS
OVER...AND HE
LOST A GIRL
HE CONSIDERED
HIS OWN
DAUGHTER.



NO ONE WILL
LIVE--EVEN
THOSE
WITH THE
DESIRE TO.

IT'S A
WORLD WITH
NO FUTURE.



THIS WORLD
WILL SOON
BELONG TO
LORD HARDNER.



THE
MEANING
...

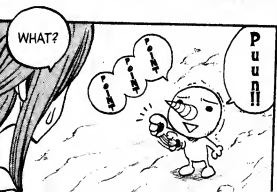
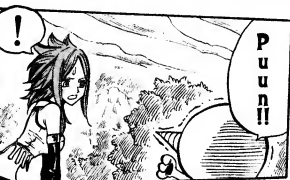
...OF
LIFE?

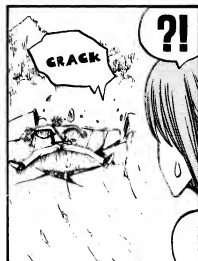
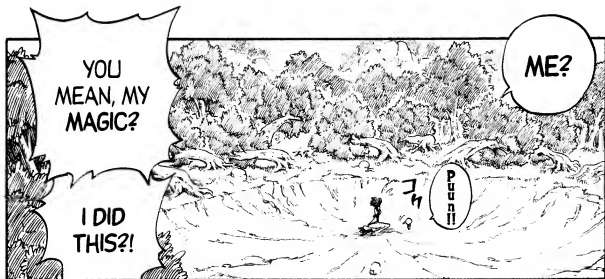


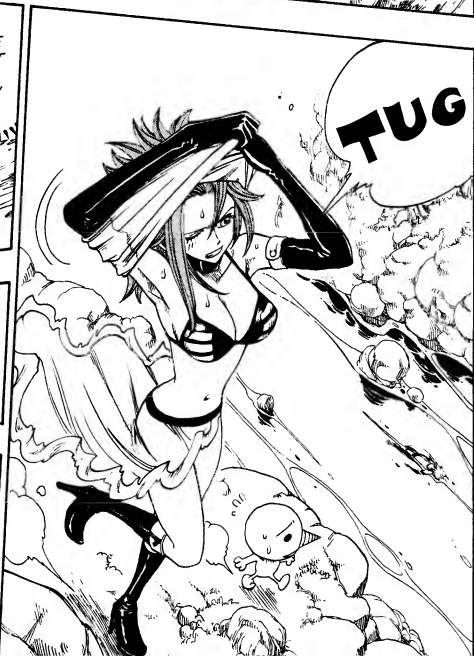


PERHAPS THIS
WORLD IS
THE ONE WE
SHOULD PITY.



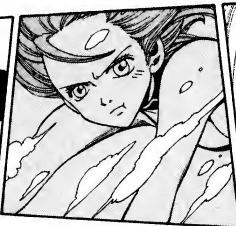


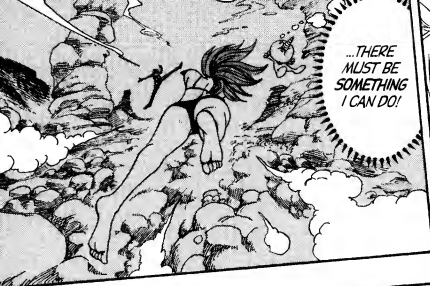






I HAVE TO
SAVE HIM!!





...THERE
MUST BE
SOMETHING
I CAN DO!



"...BUT YOU
DO HAVE A
FUTURE!"



A TRUMP
CARD...

"I STILL HAVE
A TRUMP
CARD."

"OH, YOU'LL
HELP, ALL
RIGHT."



WHAT
COULD
IT BE?!

IT HAS TO BE
STRONGER
THAN
BLACKMAIL...

HE MUST BE
PLANNING TO USE
THAT "TRUMP
CARD" ON ELIE!

GASP



WHY IS HE
RUSHING TO
SUMMON
ENDLESS?!

IT CAN'T
SIMPLY
BE TO
FLAUNT
HIS
POWER!

WHY DOES
HE WANT TO
RESTORE IT?

AND THE LEBEN
RING--IT FUSES
THINGS, RIGHT?

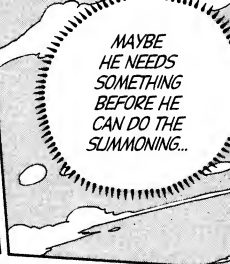


WAIT A
MINUTE...!



WHY?
WHAT'S
THE CON-
NECTION?!

BUT
FUSION...



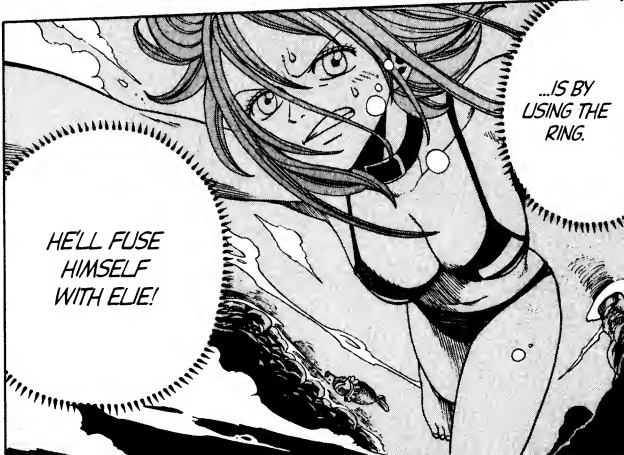
MAYBE
HE NEEDS
SOMETHING
BEFORE HE
CAN DO THE
SUMMONING...



AND THE
ONLY WAY
TO DO
THAT...

ELIE
WOULDN'T
HAVE TO
OBEY TO
SUMMON
ENDLESS!

WHAT IF...
WHAT IF HE
COULD USE
ETHERION
HIMSELF?!



HE'LL FUSE
HIMSELF
WITH ELIE!

...IS BY
USING THE
RING.

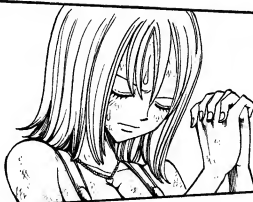
...
**EVERYTHING
IS OVER!**

Hah

Hah

Hah

IF HE
CAPTURES
HER...



STAY AWAY
FROM HIM,
ELIE!



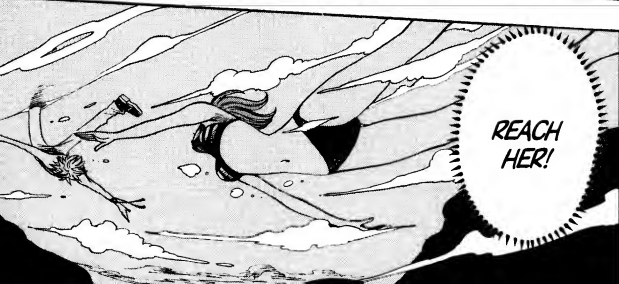
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A
S
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!!



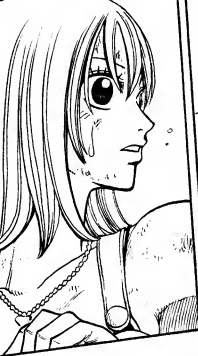
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E
A
C
H
!!



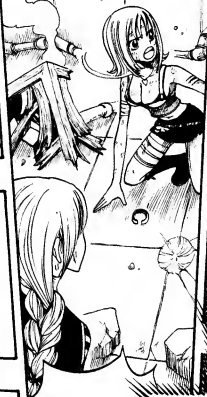
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!!



R
E
A
C
H
H
E
R!



WH-WHO
WAS
THAT?!



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WHAT
?

FORGET
MY OLD
PLAN!



WHAT'S
THE
MATTER,
ELIE?

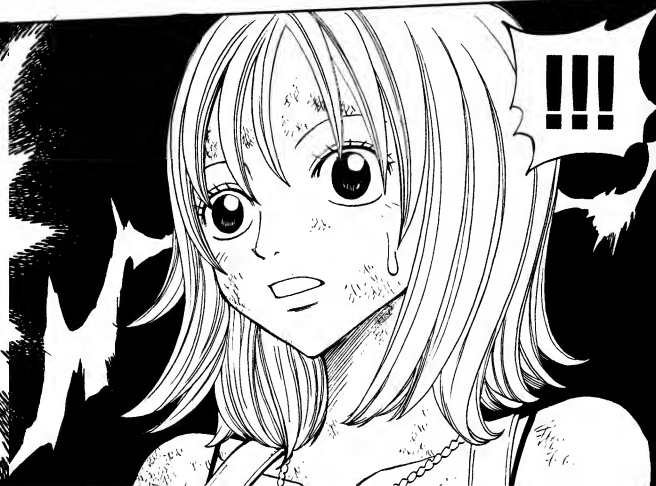
ANYWAY,
WE HAVE
TO GET
MOVING!!

A WARNING
JUST KINDA...
POPPED INTO
MY HEAD...!



*I PROMISE
TO
PROTECT
HARU!!*

*JUST
DON'T LET
THEM GET
YOU!!*



!!!



WE HAVE
FIVE
MINUTES.

NO MATTER.
WE'LL FIND
HER SOON
ENOUGH.

ELIE'S
VANISHED
FROM THE
RADAR.

IT SHOULD
BE A SIMPLE
TASK FOR US.

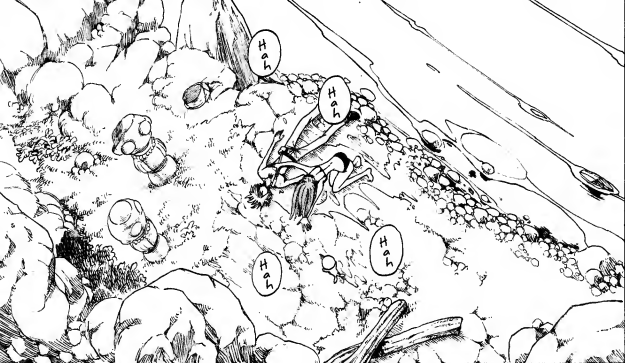
LORD
HARDNER'S
LAST ORDER
WAS TO
CAPTURE
'ELIE.



I ASSUME
THIS MEANS
WE CAN KILL
ANYONE IN
OUR WAY?



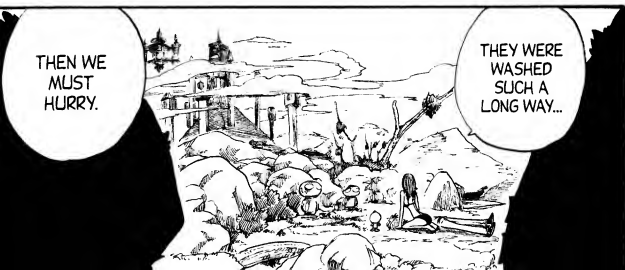
YOU GOT
THAT RIGHT,
DOLL.



DON'T GET
CAPTURED
BEFORE HARU
CAN WAKE UP!



PLEASE,
ELIE...



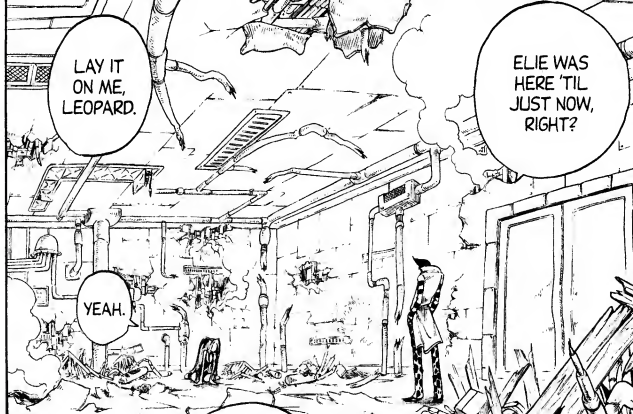
THEN WE
MUST
HURRY.

THEY WERE
WASHED
SUCH A
LONG WAY...

RAVE MASTER



RAVE:219  SHIELD OF BONDS



LAY IT
ON ME,
LEOPARD.

ELIE WAS
HERE 'TIL
JUST NOW,
RIGHT?

YEAH.



STILL...



GOOD WORK,
KITTY. YOU
JUST PUT ME
AHEAD OF
LUKAN AND
LADY LUNAR.



I'M GOOD,
YEAH?
PRAISE ME,
PRAISE ME!

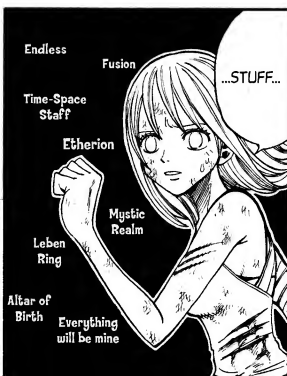
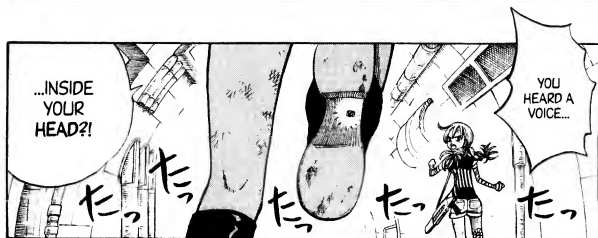
I PUT A
TRANSMITTER
ON THE BACK
OF HER SHOE.

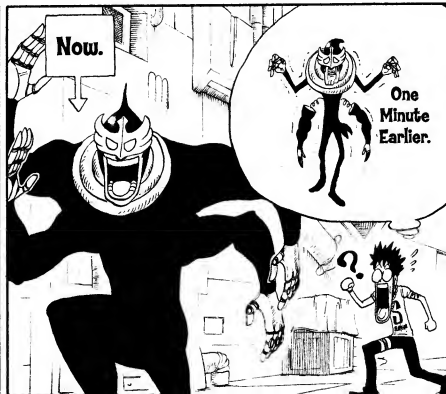


YOU'RE
OUTTA SIX
GUARD,
CAT.

UGH!!

...YOU'RE NOT
GETTING
PRAISED FOR
LOSING TO A
LITTLE GIRL.







IT WAS
A TRULY
HEROIC
RECOVERY!

HA HA HA!! WHILE
I RAN I SIMPLY
ATE AND DRANK
WHATEVER WAS
NEAR, THUS
RECUPERATING
MY LOST ENERGY
IN TRANSIT!



AGGGH!!!

I...I'M
STILL
ALIVE...

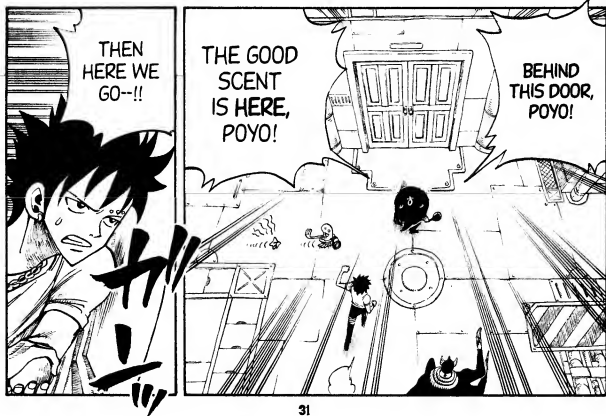
POP

Rrrgh!!

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TELL ME
YOU DIDN'T
EAT HIM!!!

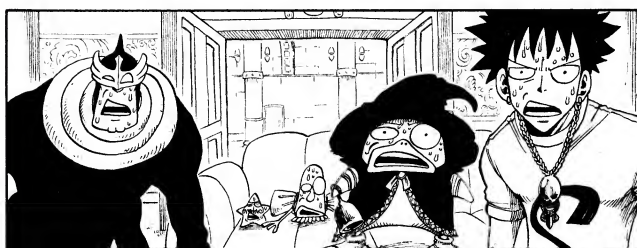
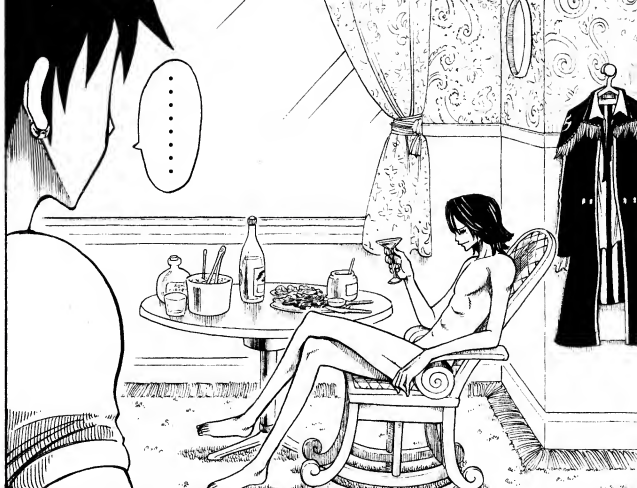
BY THE
WAY, BONY
IS MISSING
AGAIN.



THEN
HERE WE
GO--!!

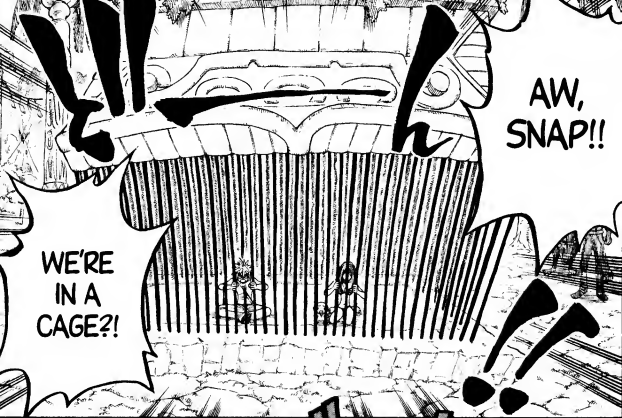
THE GOOD
SCENT
IS HERE,
POYO!

BEHIND
THIS DOOR,
POYO!









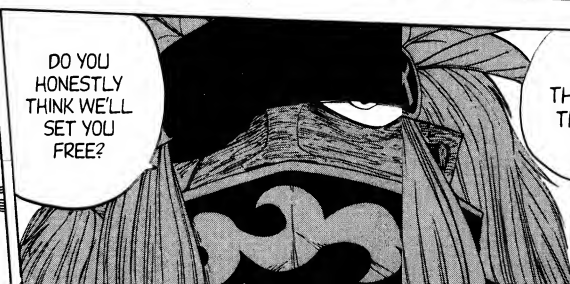


WE HAVE
NO EARS
FOR THEE.

WHY MUST
WE LISTEN TO
INVADERS?



I SWEAR,
WE'RE
NOT THE
INVADERS!



DO YOU
HONESTLY
THINK WE'LL
SET YOU
FREE?

INVADER
THREATENING
THE MYSTIC
REALM...



IT'S AN
EMERGENCY!
OUR FRIEND
ELIE'S IN
DANGER--WE
HAVE TO GET
TO HER!

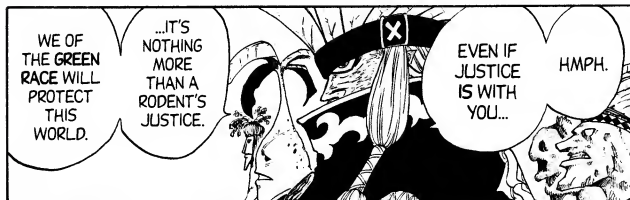


THIS ENTIRE PLACE'S
IN DANGER, AND
WE'RE TRYIN' TO
DO SOMETHING
ABOUT IT!



WE REALLY
DON'T HAVE
TIME FOR THIS!

HUMAN
WORDS ARE
NOT TO BE
TRUSTED.



WE OF
THE GREEN
RACE WILL
PROTECT
THIS
WORLD.

...IT'S
NOTHING
MORE
THAN A
RODENT'S
JUSTICE.

EVEN IF
JUSTICE
IS WITH
YOU...

HMPH.



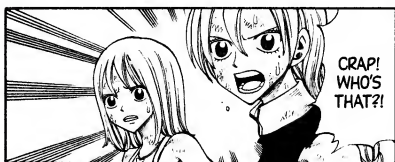
HATE ME
ALL YOU
WANT!!!

JUST
LET ME
OUTTA
HERE!!!



WE
HATE ALL
HUMANS.

THEY
ONLY
BRING
WOE.



BEAUTY
AND
FRIENDSHIP!

WHAT DID
I TELL
YOU?

MISTRESS
ELIE!!!

FRIENDSHIP...
RIIIGHT.

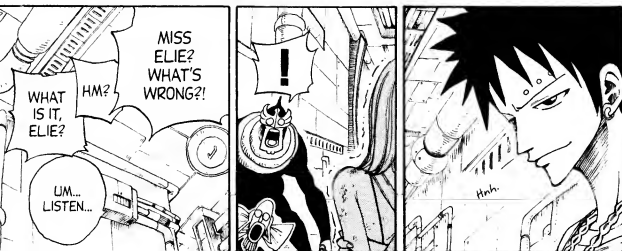
と!!おーん
FINALLY,
POYO!!!

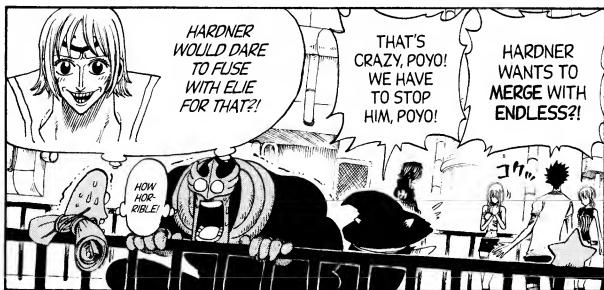
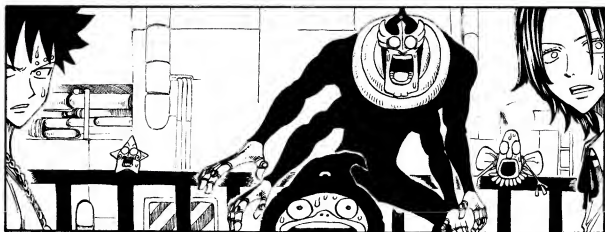
THERE'S AN
UNDENIABLE
FORCE THAT
PULLS
TOGETHER
SPLIT
COMRADES.

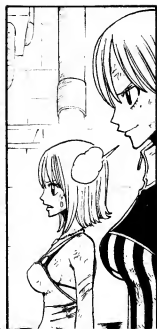
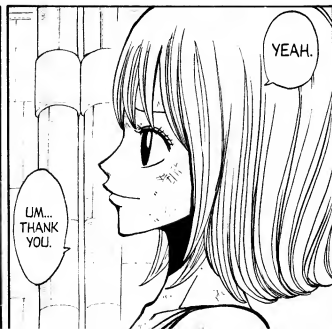
THERE'S
CERTAINLY
MORE
THAN MERE
CHANCE AT
PLAY HERE.

WHY IS
LAZENBY
HERE?

GUYS
!!





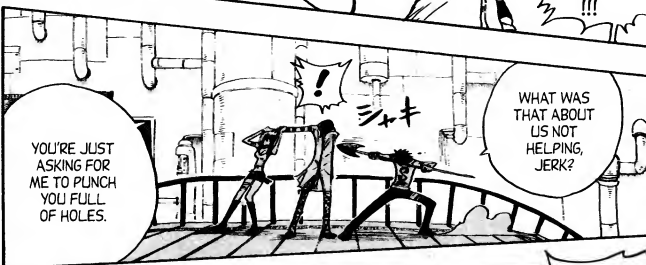






NOW THEY
CAN'T HELP
YOU AT
ALL, DOLL.

E
L
I
E
!!!



YOU'RE JUST
ASKING FOR
ME TO PUNCH
YOU FULL OF
HOLES.

WHAT WAS
THAT ABOUT
US NOT
HELPING,
JERK?



...ISN'T
AS LAME
AS YOU
THINK.

THE
POWER
OF
FRIEND-
SHIP...

MUSICA
!!!

SHONEN

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A special 24 pages of the
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WEEKLY

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LET ME GAZE
INTO YOUR EYES...

Special zine issue!

Elie's first cover!

Miss Zine prize!

ELIE

14
stimulating
pages

Tetsuya's curse enters 500th day!
Uncharted territory! Can
no one stop Tetsuya?!

This time, he faces
Shou of Kantetsu!
Can Tetsuya win now that he's
out of drinks?!



Insomniac

Tetsuya

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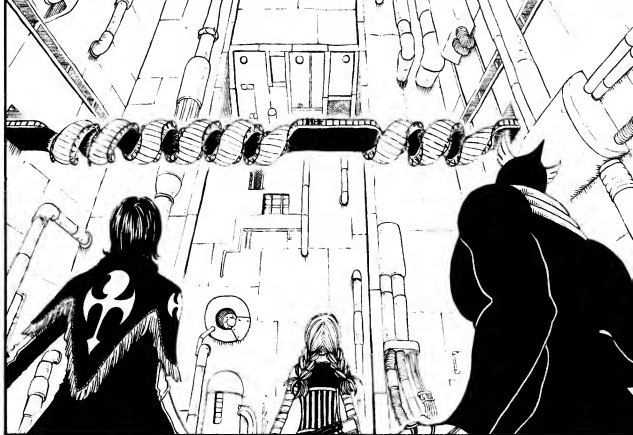
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Burning
Question!

IS HIRO A
FAILURE?!







SO I'M IN
NO RUSH.

WHY NOT? ALL
I HAVE TO DO
IS MOP UP THE
JOINT WITH
YOU SQUARES
BEFORE COMING
BACK FOR HER.



H-
HEY!



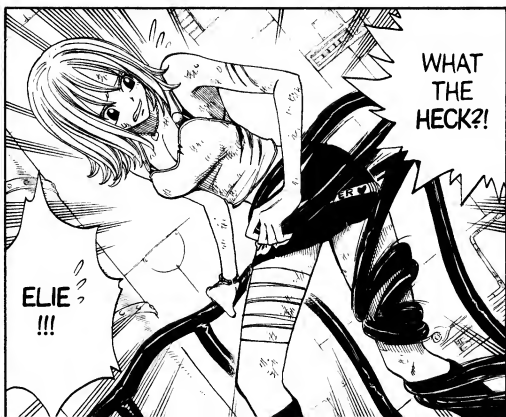
NAH.

HUH?!

JUMP
DOWN, ELIE!
EVERYONE'LL
CATCH YOU!



YOU CATS
WANNA
RUMBLE?



WHAT
THE
HECK?!

ELIE
!!!

!!!

THEN
LET'S
GET TO
IT!!



CRACK

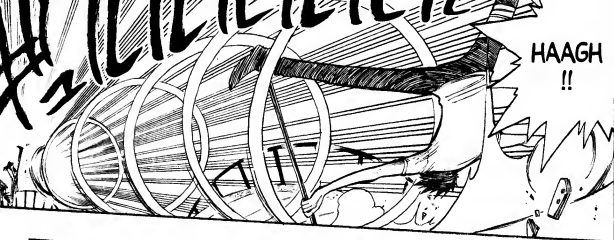
CRACK

IT'S...
TWISTING!

CRACK

MUSICA
!!











WITH
PLEASURE.



BUT--

He stole my
heroics!

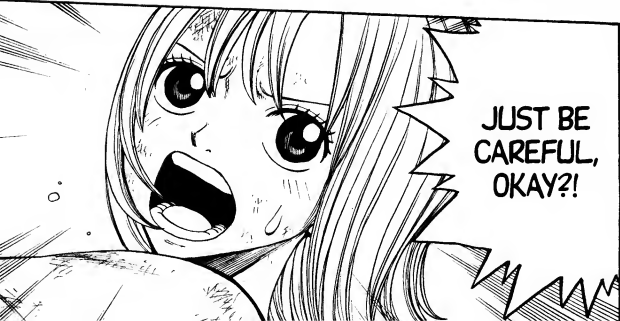
MOVE IT! HE'S
SLOWING
DOWN SIX
GUARD!! NOW
WE CAN GET
OUT OF HERE!!



MUSIC
CA!!

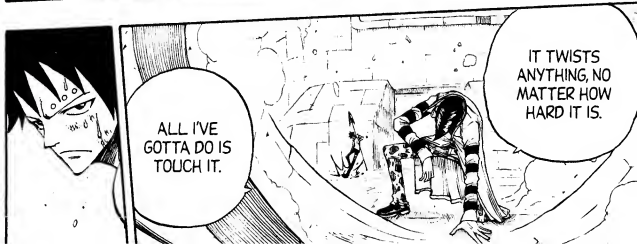
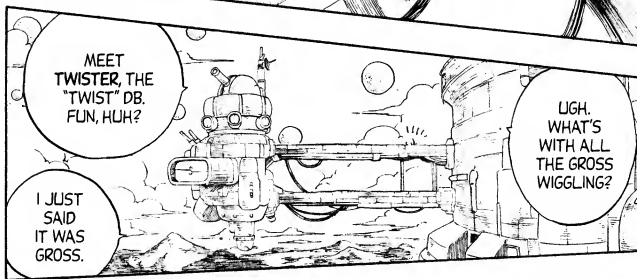


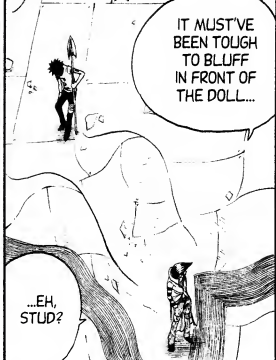
SURELY
YOU KNOW
HIM BETTER
THAN I DO?

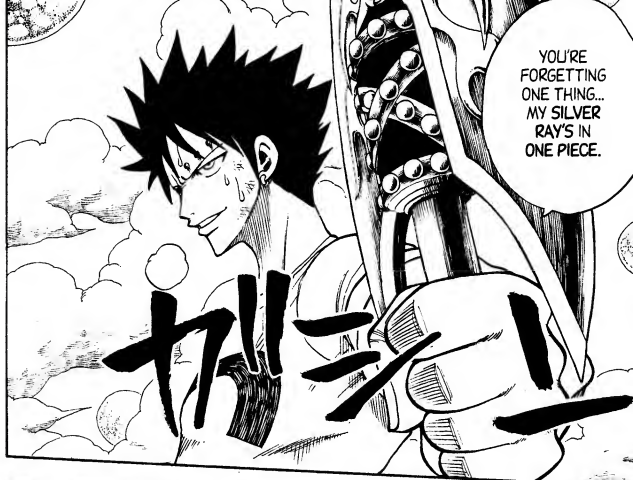












YOU'RE
FORGETTING
ONE THING...
MY SILVER
RAY'S IN
ONE PIECE.

カッ
ン



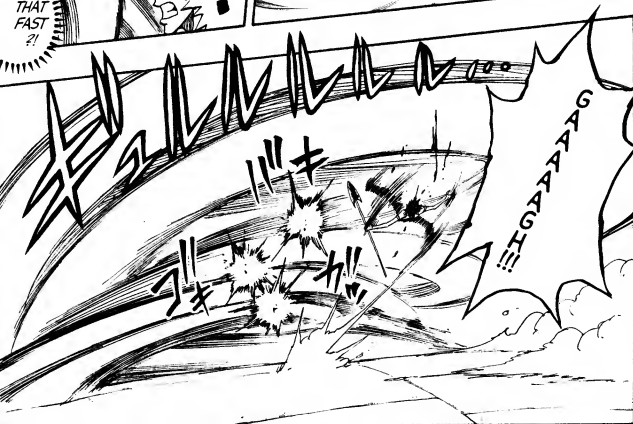
YOU
MEAN THAT
GLORIFIED
GARDEN HOE?
YEAH...I'LL
BE BREAKING
THAT NEXT...

...ALONG
WITH YOUR
PRIDE.

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ン



NGHH!
HE'S RIGHT
ABOUT THE
HAND AND
LEG BEING
BROKEN!



I WONDER
HOW MUCH
TRUTH THERE
IS TO THE SIX
GUARD BEING
EQUAL TO THE
ORACION SIX...

HUH?

THAT
GIRAFFE
MAN
SEEMED
RATHER
STRONG.

HE WAS
CERTAINLY
STRONGER
THAN I.

Regrettably.

REALLY?

I SHOULD
BE ABLE
TO FINISH
THE FIGHT.

BUT AT
LEAST
MUSICA IS
SLOWING
OUR ENEMY...
AND DEALING
SOME
DAMAGE.

I THINK
HE'LL BE
DIFFICULT
FOR MUSICA
TO DEFEAT.



HUH?

K...



STILL...
YOUR TIME
IS UP.

I'M
BREAKING
THIS
TOOTHPICK
NOW.

YOU PACK
A PRETTY
GOOD PUNCH,
FELLA, BEING
YOUR BODY IS
ALL TWISTED
UP LIKE A
PRETZEL.



...DIRTY
H-H
HANDS...
OFF
REINA...

Hah

K-KEEP
YOUR...

Hah

Hah

Hah
Hah



ANYWAY...
KISS YOUR
"DAME"
GOODBYE!

GLENCH



HA HA HA HA HA!!

You're
funny,
daddy-o!

Hah

D-DON'T
...

Hah

Hah



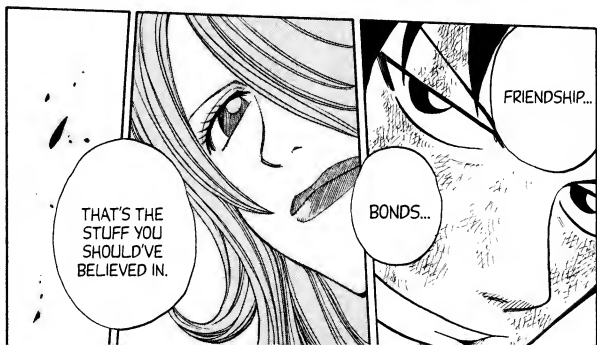
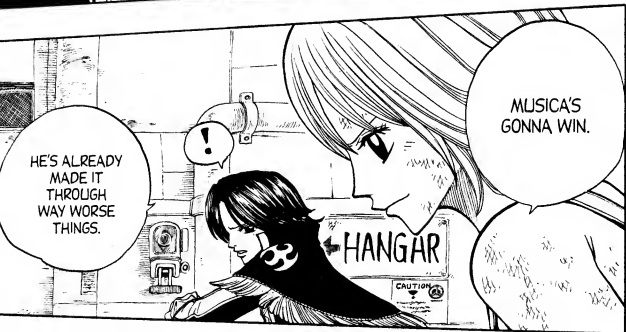
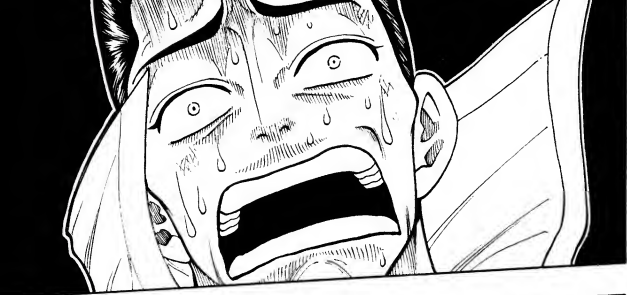
"REINA"? YOU GAVE
YOUR WEAPON A
GIRL'S NAME?

PFFT!



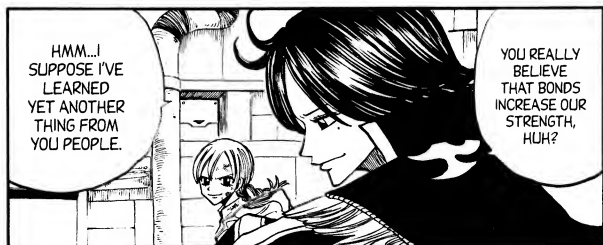


SORRY,
DIRTBAG.
MY BABY
AIN'T THAT
FRAGILE.



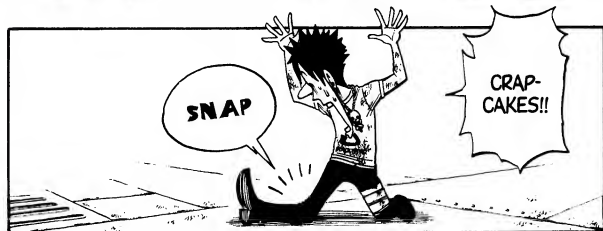
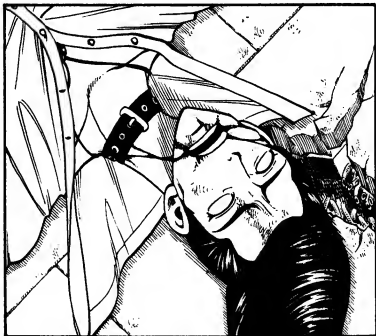
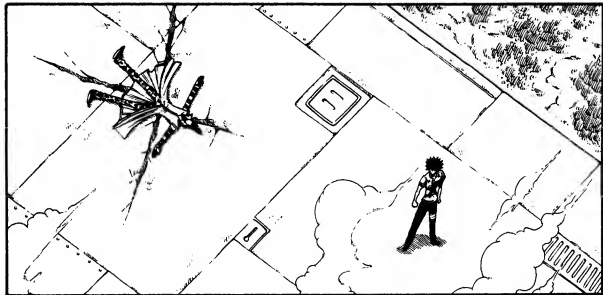
THOSE
ARE THE
FEELINGS
THAT MAKE
US STRONG!!

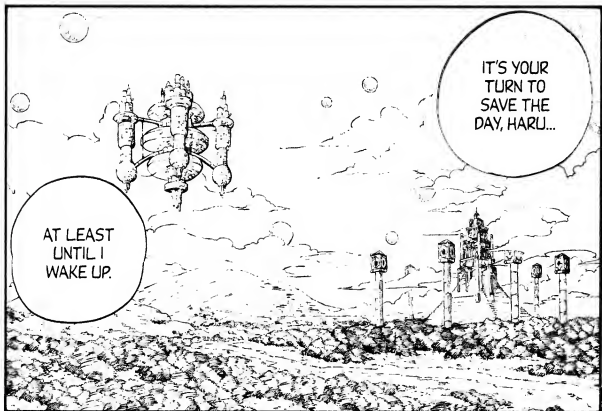


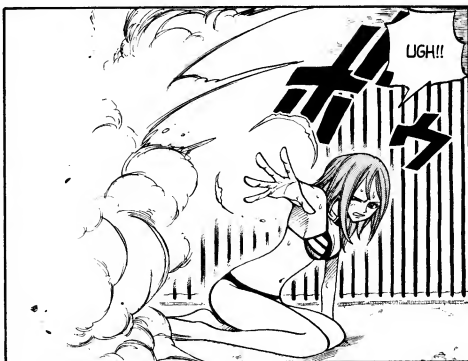
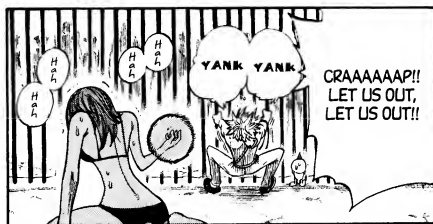




RAVE:221  BORN UNTO THIS WORLD...







HARDNER COULD BE
CAPTURING ELIE THIS
VERY MINUTE.

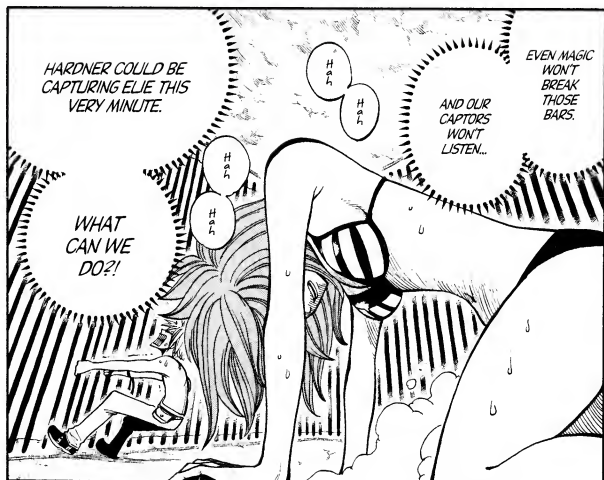
WHAT
CAN WE
DO?!

Hah

Hah

EVEN MAGIC
WON'T
BREAK
THOSE
BARS.

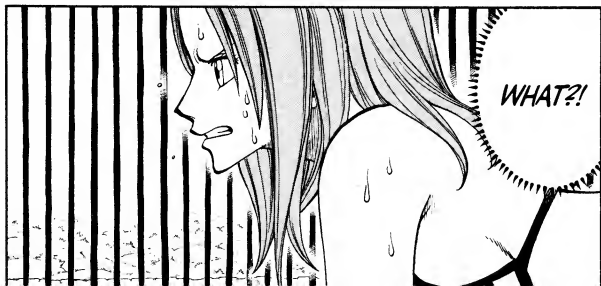
AND OUR
CAPTORS
WON'T
LISTEN..



グッスー



WHAT?!

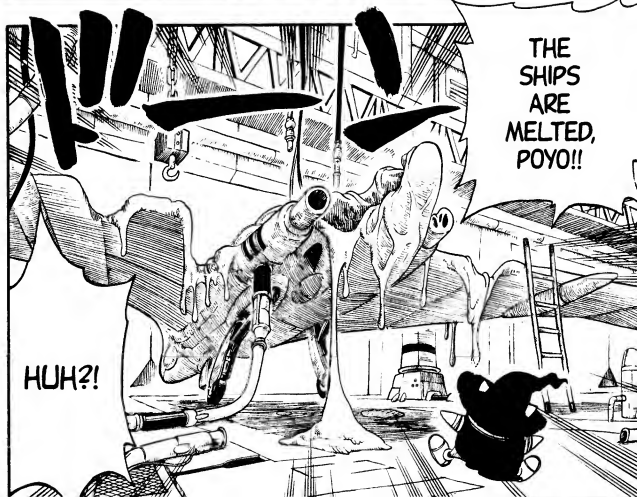
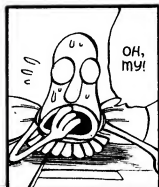


WE'LL GET BACK
TO THE LIBERALE
FAMILIA BY SHIP!

たんたんたん

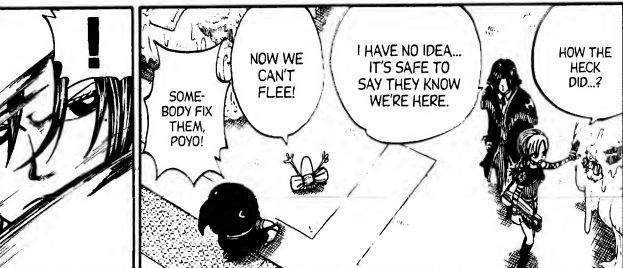
WE'VE
REACHED
THE
HANGAR!

HANGAR





LOOK--
THEY'RE
ALL
LIKE
THAT!!



!
SOMEBODY
FIX
THEM,
POYO!

NOW WE
CAN'T
FLEE!

I HAVE NO IDEA...
IT'S SAFE TO
SAY THEY KNOW
WE'RE HERE.

HOW THE
HECK
DID...?



WHEN DID
HE GET
BEHIND
US?!

SO YOU
ARE
ORACION
SIX.

INTEREST-
ING.



LUKAN...
THE
LEADER OF
SIX GUARD.



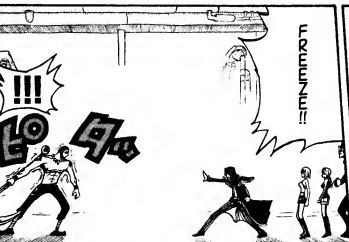
WHO'S
THAT
GUY?!

NNGH!!

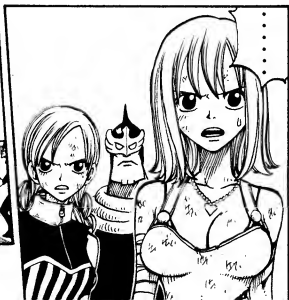


I'VE FOUND
YOU AT
LAST, ELIE.

PREPARE
TO LOSE
YOUR
TEAM.



LUKAN!!!



NO!! STAY
AWAY
FROM
HIM!!

MUSICA
AND IULIUS
WON'T HAVE
ALL THE
GLORY HERE!

FEEL
MY FIST,
VILLAIN!!

WHAT?!
I CAN'T...
MOVE!

BANG!

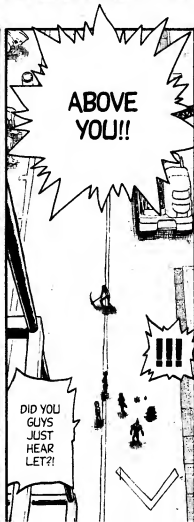
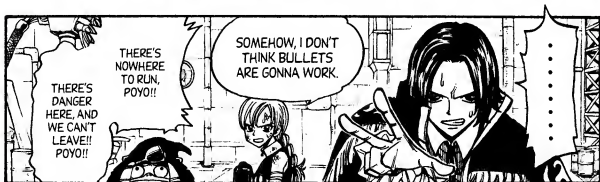
HUAAH!!!

WAS IT
HIS POWER
THAT
DISSOLVED
THE
SHIPS...?

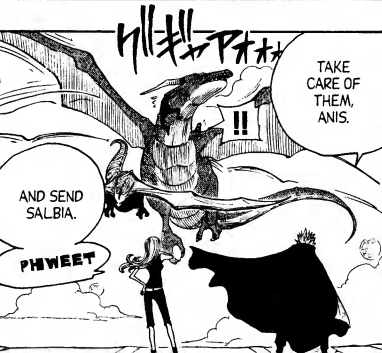
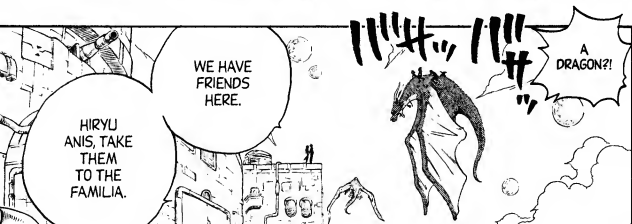
LAZENBY!!

MY STEEL
GAUNTLET
IS...
MELTING!

HOOAGH!!







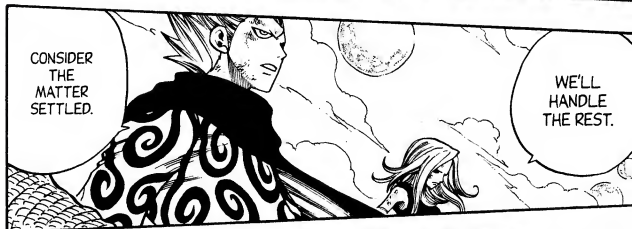


YOU'RE
NOT
COMING
WITH
US?!



WHAT ARE
YOU TWO
GONNA
DO?!

WAIT A
MINUTE!



CONSIDER
THE
MATTER
SETTLED.

WE'LL
HANDLE
THE REST.



WE WILL
MEET
AGAIN.



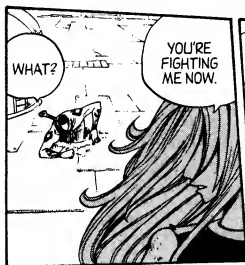
...ARE STRONGER
THAN WE ARE.

THIS MIGHT BE
THE LAST TIME.

THE ENEMIES WERE
UP AGAINST...

BUT WE'RE NOT
AFRAID TO DIE.







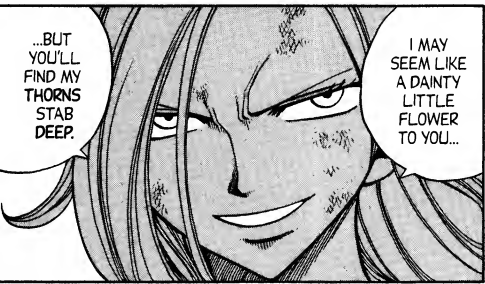
I CAN'T
IMAGINE THAT
THEY'RE EVEN
CAPABLE
OF THAT.

THEY
DON'T
PLAN TO
RUN.



IF YOU LOST
TO LEOPARD,
YOU DON'T
HOLD A
CANDLE
TO ME!

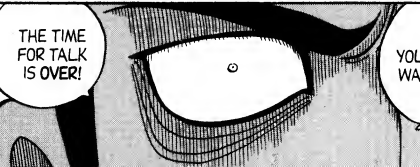
IS THIS
A JOKE,
WOMAN?!



...BUT
YOU'LL
FIND MY
THORNS
STAB
DEEP.

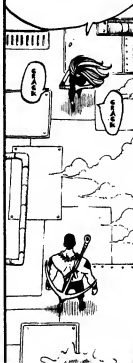
I MAY
SEEM LIKE
A DAINTY
LITTLE
FLOWER
TO YOU...

I PULL MY
PUNCHES
WITH GIRLS.



THE TIME
FOR TALK
IS OVER!

YOU WERE
WARNED...



JULIA...WE
MAY LOSE
OUR LIVES IN
THESE FIGHTS.

BUT
WE'LL
UPHOLD
OUR
DUTY...

!!

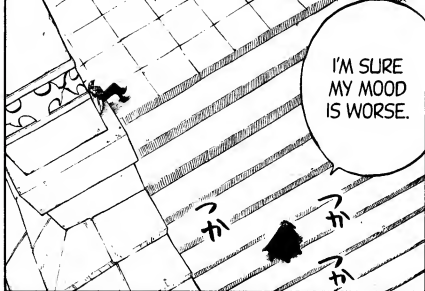
...AND
PROTECT OUR
WORLD!!

I WON'T LET
THIS BASTARD
BEAT ME, LET!







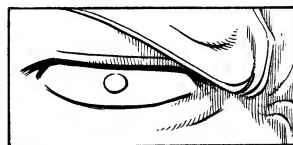




PAL, YOU COULD
BE A ZOMBIE,
OR A GHOST, OR
THE FRIGGIN'
TOOTH FAIRY FOR
ALL I CARE.



NONE OF IT
CHANGES
THE FACT...

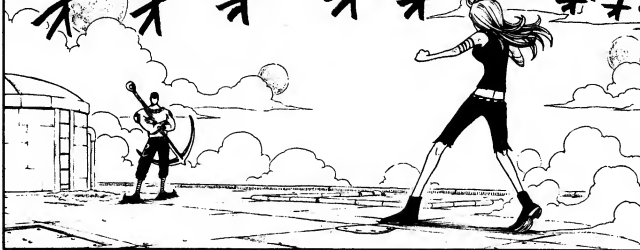


I
CAN'T
DIE.

STILL SOUND
LIKE A GOOD
IDEA?



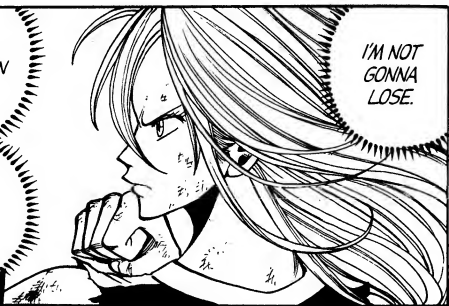
...THAT I'LL
CUT YOU
DOWN WITH
THESE VERY
HANDS!!!



I DON'T CARE IF
HE'S BETTER THAN
ME OR NOT...

I'M NOT
GONNA
LOSE.

THE WORLD'S
DEPENDING
ON THIS!



I HAVE NO
MERCY FOR
YOU, FEMALE
OR NOT!!

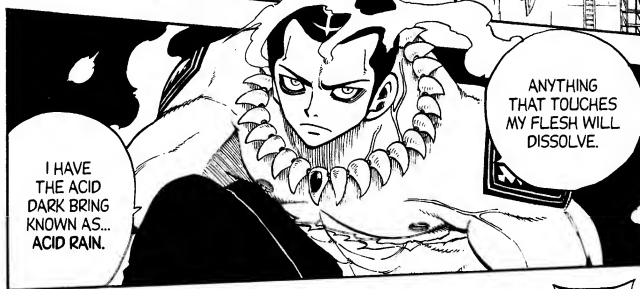
BACK OFF
OR DIE.

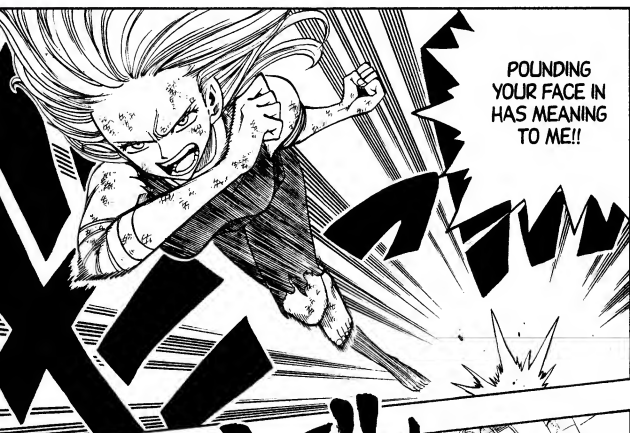
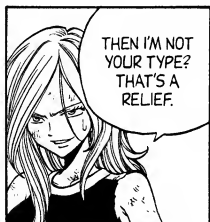


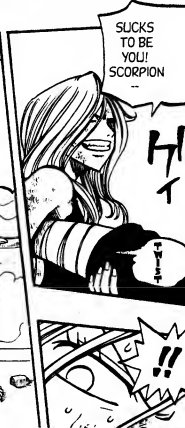
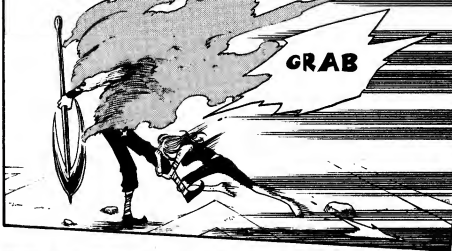
WHO'S
ASKING
FOR IT,
YOU
PIG?!

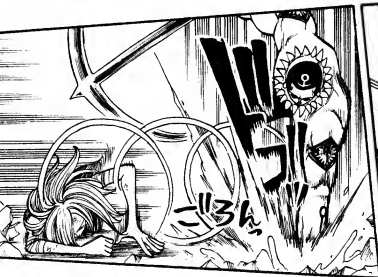
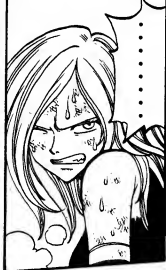
LEAP













OKAY-THE KEY'S IN!

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE A WOMAN OF THE DRAGON RACE!

SO YOU CAN BURN FLESH...

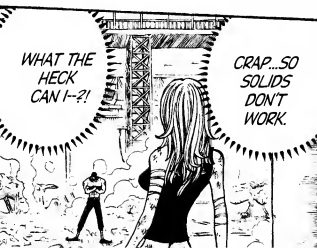


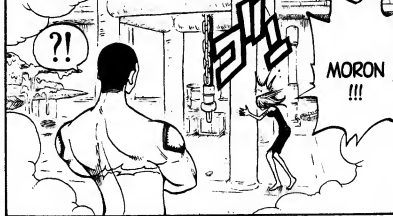
...BUT
LET'S SEE
YOU BURN
THIS!!!



YOU
LIKE?



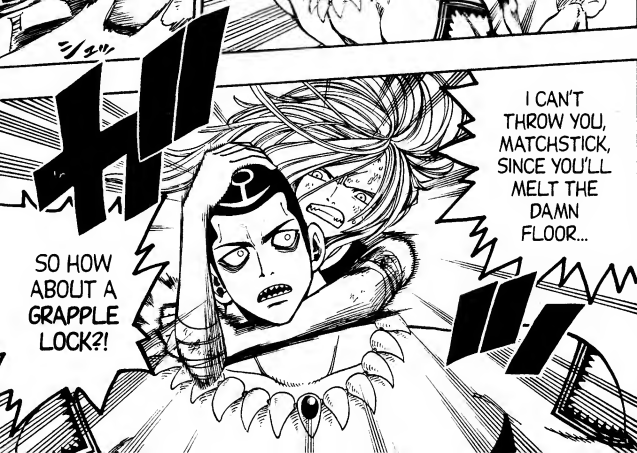






AFRAID OR
NOT, YOU'RE
STILL
DISSOLVING.

THIS
ISN'T AN
ILLUSION,
IF THAT'S
WHAT YOU
MEAN,
LITTLE
GIRL.



SO HOW
ABOUT A
GRAPPLE
LOCK?!

I CAN'T
THROW YOU,
MATCHSTICK,
SINCE YOU'LL
MELT THE
DAMN
FLOOR...

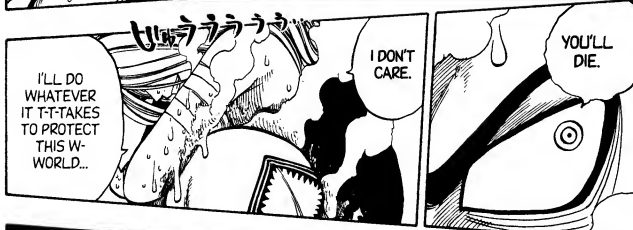


I'M
PRETTY
T-TOUGH,
Y'KNOW...

ジュウジュウ

YOU'RE
CLINGING
TO ME?
ARE YOU
INSANE?!

YOU'LL
MELT
AWAY
INTO
NOTHING!



I'LL DO
WHATEVER
IT T-TAKES
TO PROTECT
THIS W-
WORLD...

I DON'T
CARE.

YOU'LL
DIE.



...I'M
TAKING
YOU
DOWN!!!

EVEN IF
I HAVE
TO DIE

...

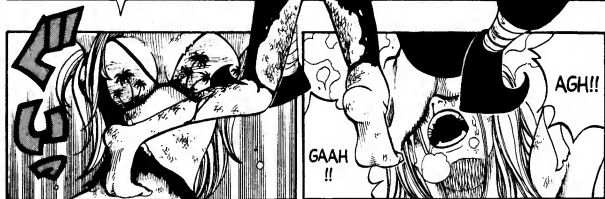
ACID RAIN
CAN CHANGE
MY BODY
INTO ACID.

IT'S A SHAME
THAT YOUR
EFFORTS ARE
AS USEFUL AS
YOUR ANGER.



THERE'S
NOTHING TO
DISCUSS
HERE.







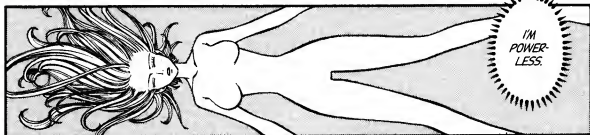


MY BODY
WON'T
MOVE...

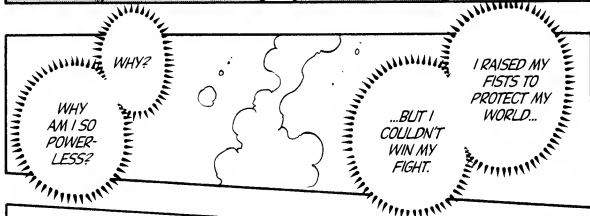


CAN'T...
HOLD...

たぶん



I'M
POWER-
LESS.

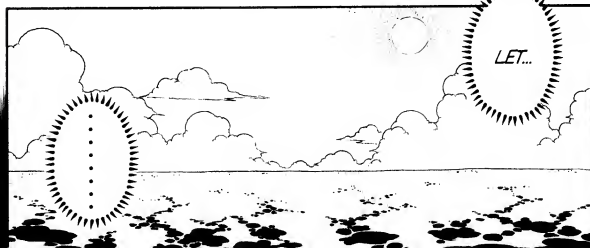
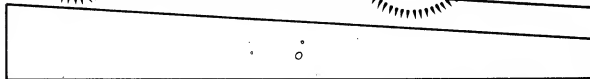


WHY?

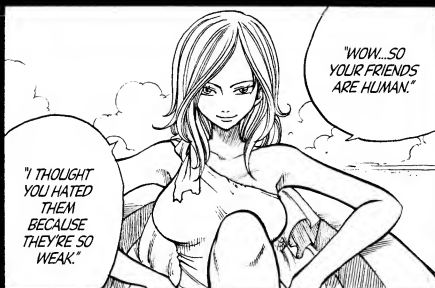
WHY
AM I SO
POWER-
LESS?

I RAISED MY
FISTS TO
PROTECT MY
WORLD...

...BUT I
COULDN'T
WIN MY
FIGHT.



LET...





"IT'S HARD TO DESCRIBE... I SUPPOSE, IN A WAY, THEY HAVE THE POWER OF THE HEART."

"THEY LOVE PEACE AND EMPATHIZE WITH THE UNFORTUNATE."



"WERE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?"

"WE HAVE TO MEET UP WITH..."

"THEY'VE GOT THAT DANCE CONTEST!"

"HEY, LET'S GO TO RIBEYLA!"



"LOOK-- THE IMA CONTINENT!"



I UNDERSTAND WHY LET CARES SO MUCH ABOUT HIM.



HE HAS SUCH A POWERFUL HEART.

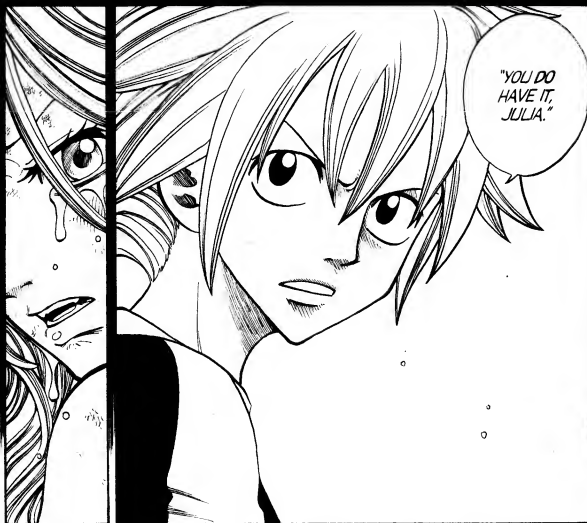


BUT I UNDERSTAND NOW...

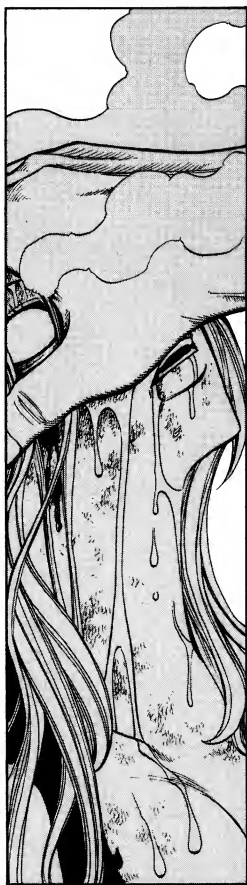


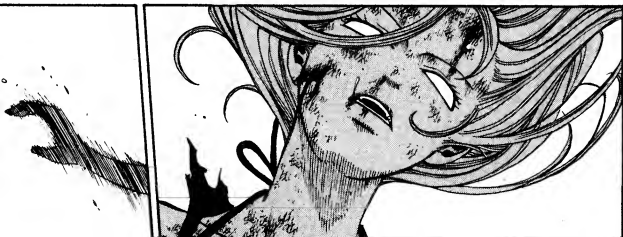
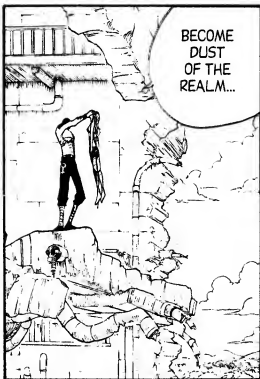
WHEN WE FIRST MET HIM...

HARU MADE ONE OF THE STUPIDEST FACES I'VE EVER SEEN.

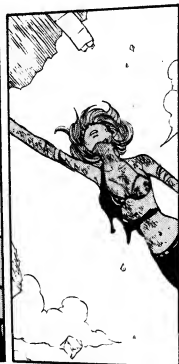


Why does it have to end like this...?











YOU'LL
DIE FOR
NOTHING.

Ha ha!

MY POWER
WILL
PROTECT
ME FROM
THE
LANDING!

EVEN THIS
PLAN IS
USELESS!







HAAH
!!

YOU'RE
A BIGGER
FOOL
THAN I
REALIZED!!

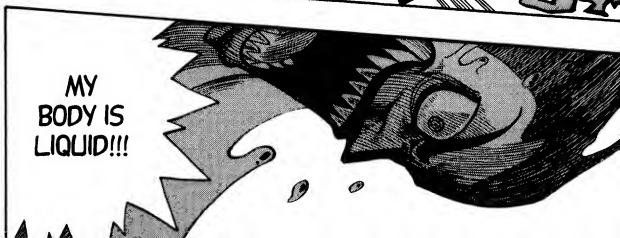


YOU CAN'T USE
YOUR POWER
IF YOU'RE
UNCONSCIOUS!

YOU'LL BE
CRUSHED
LIKE
EVERYONE
ELSE!



I ALREADY
TOLD YOU
THAT I AM
ACID!!



MY
BODY IS
LIQUID!!!

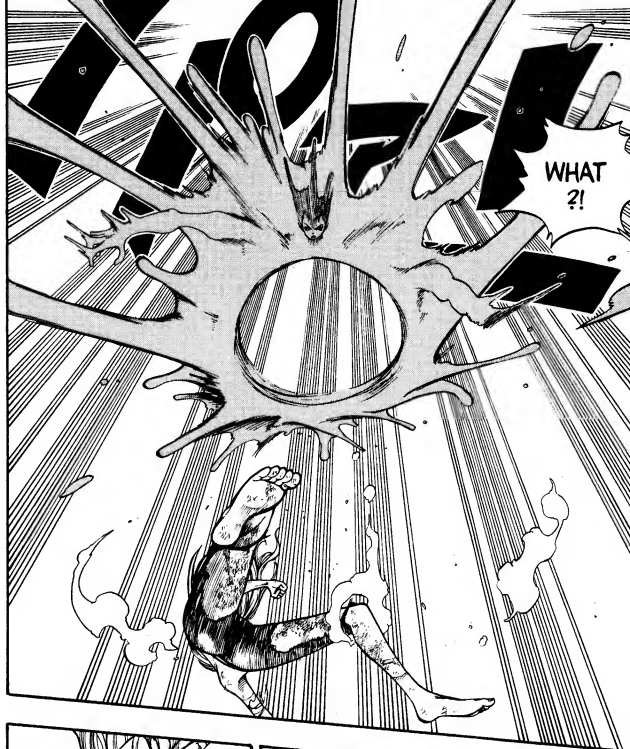


YOU BET
YOUR LIFE
ON A PLAN
THAT'S
ALREADY
FAILED!!!



WHO'RE
YOU
CALLING
STUPID,
STUPID?

...HMPH.

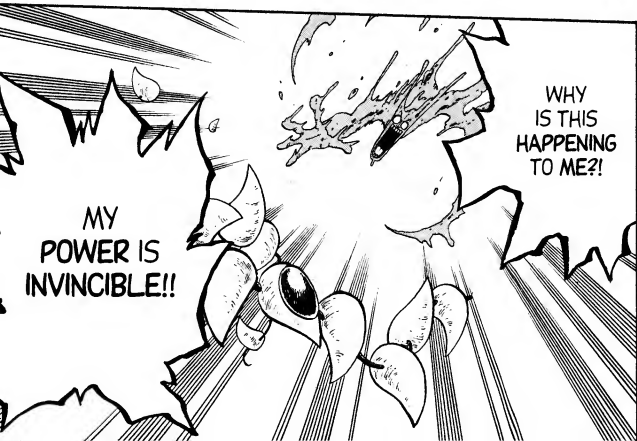
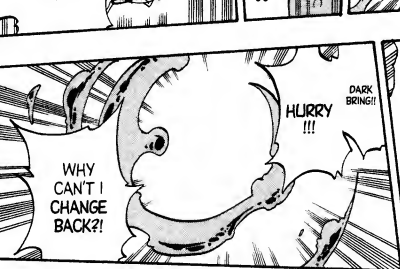
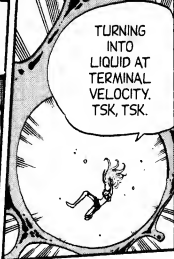
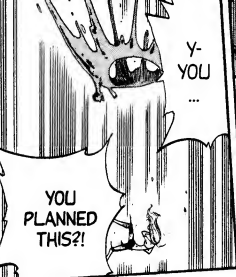


WIND
RESISTANCE
TENDS TO
DO THAT.

YOU'RE
BREAKING
UP,
GENIUS.

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

WH-
WHAT
IS
THIS
?!





THAT'S
NOT YOUR
POWER
IN THE
FIRST
PLACE.

IT'S
THE
DARK
BRING'S
POWER.



ハル...ああああ...



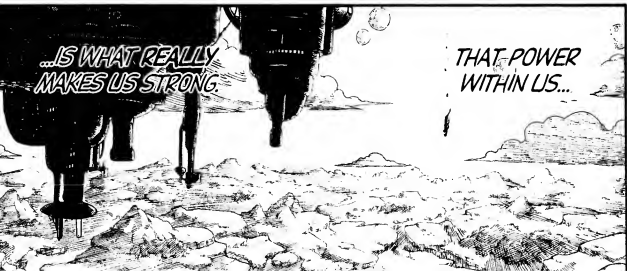
THE POWER OF
BELIEF, OF FEELINGS,
OF LOVE...

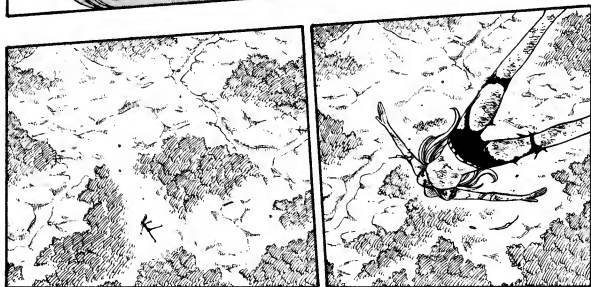
WHAT HE HAS IS
THE POWER INSIDE
OF US, RIGHT?

HARU...

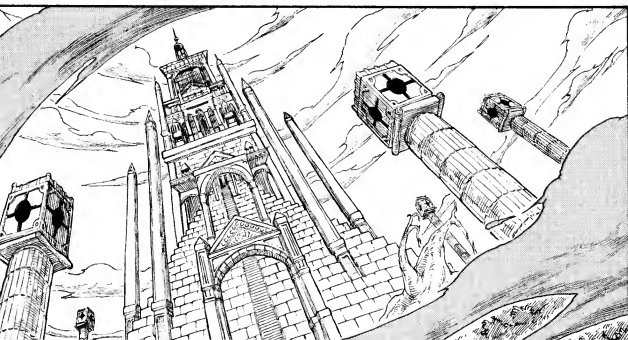
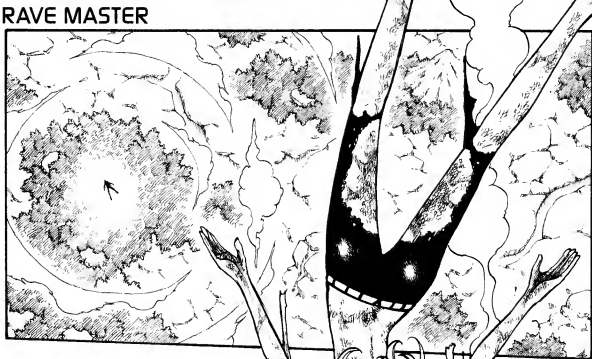
...IS WHAT REALLY
MAKES US STRONG.

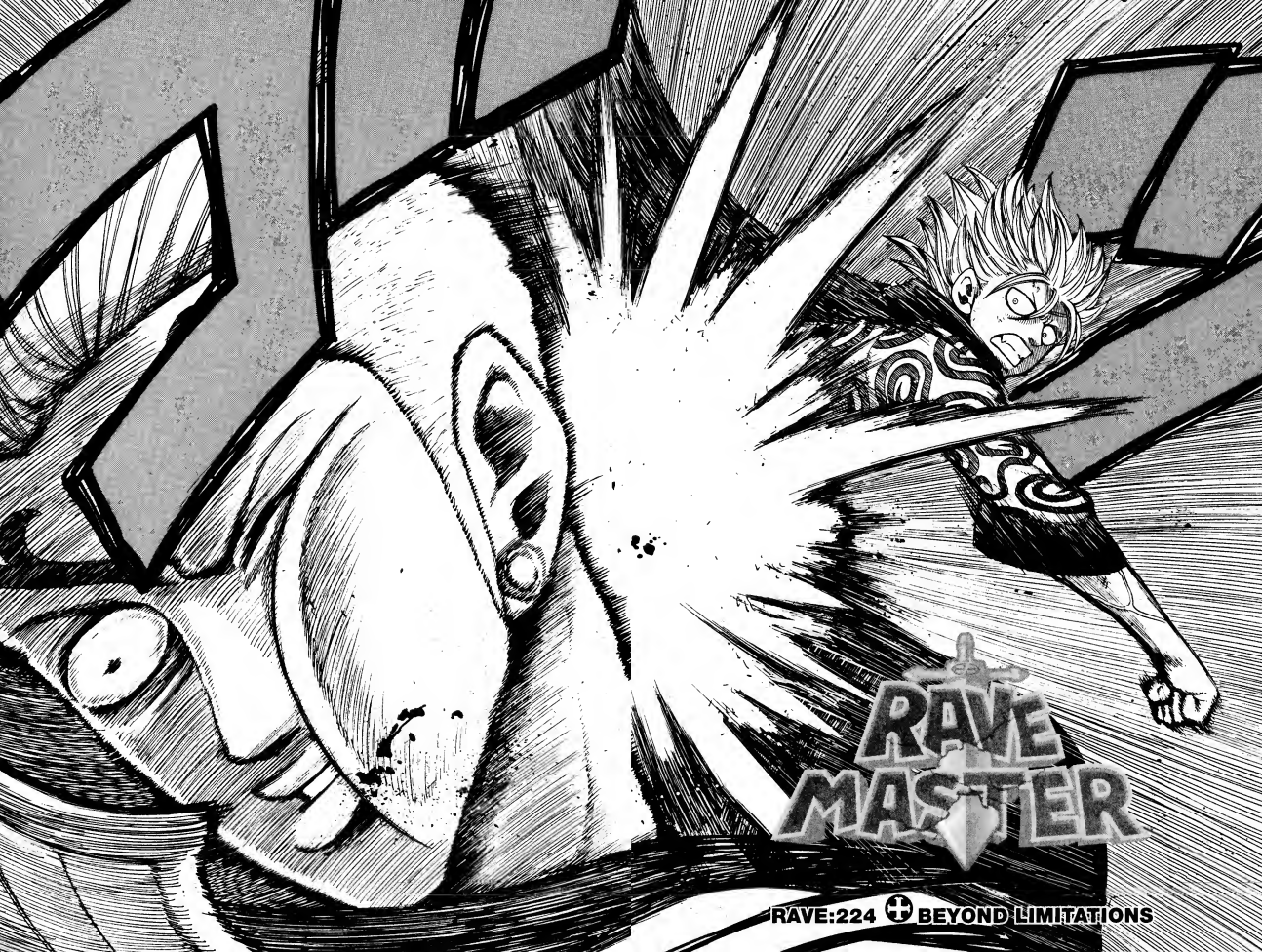
THAT POWER
WITHIN US...





RAVE MASTER





RAVE
MASTER





AGGH
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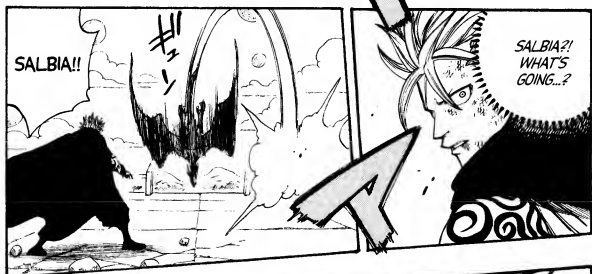
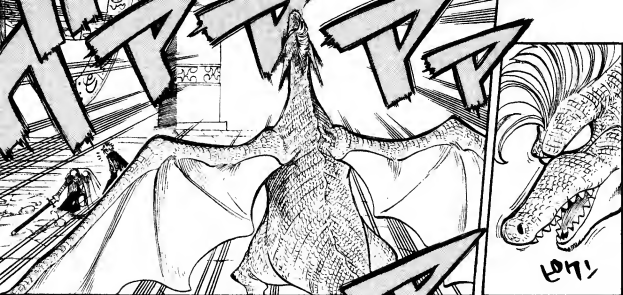
H A A A H !!!

F W I P



EVEN
BETTER
THAN SIX
GUARD.

OKAAAY...
HE'S
GOOD.

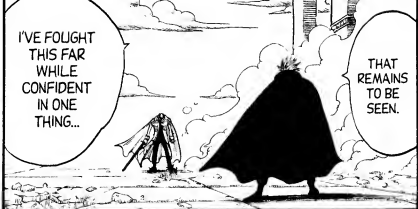








I KNOW
HOW TO
DEFEAT
YOU.



I'VE FOUGHT
THIS FAR
WHILE
CONFIDENT
IN ONE
THING...

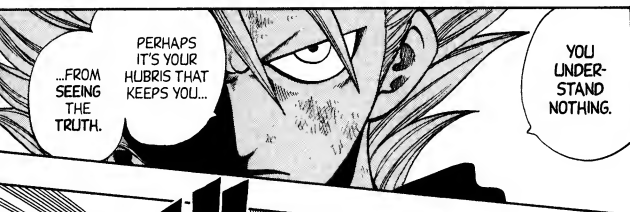
THAT
REMAINS
TO BE
SEEN.



AND ANASTASIS
GIVES ITS BEARER
ETERNAL LIFE.

IS YOUR HEAD
SCREWED ON RIGHT,
FRIEND? YOU CAN'T
BEAT AN IMMORTAL.

HUNH.



...FROM
SEEING
THE
TRUTH.

PERHAPS
IT'S YOUR
HUBRIS THAT
KEEPS YOU...

YOU
UNDER-
STAND
NOTHING.



AND I
PLAN TO
PROVE
THAT!!

YOU
ARE NOT
IMMORTAL!!



IT WON'T
WORK WITH
SOMEONE
LIKE YOU...

...OR ANY-
ONE I
FIGHT,
FOR THAT
MATTER!

YOUR
LITTLE
PLAN
WON'T
WORK
ON ME!

YOUR
THEORY
HAS A
FLAW,
DRAGON
RACE!

HA
HA
HA
!!



CUT OFF
MY HEAD
AND...IT'LL
REGENERATE
A SECOND
LATER.

I CAN'T BE
BEATEN.
EVEN WITH
A FATAL
BLOW.

IT
CAN'T
BE!

NOW I'LL
SHOW
YOU HELL
WITH
MINE.

FWAP

I ADMIT
THAT
YOU HAVE
SKILLS...

IMPOS-
SIBLE!!



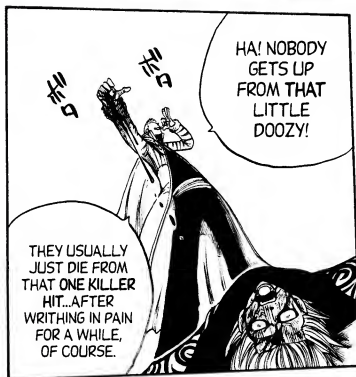
...
EVERY
WOUND
YOU'VE
EVER
HAD.

I'M GOING
TO
RESTORE...



ULTI-
MATE
PAIN!!!

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A
A
A
H!!!



THEY USUALLY
JUST DIE FROM
THAT ONE KILLER
HIT...AFTER
WRITHING IN PAIN
FOR A WHILE,
OF COURSE.

HA! NOBODY
GETS UP
FROM THAT
LITTLE
DOOZY!



...LOST...?



L...



YOU'VE GOT
QUITE THE
COLLECTION
OF BATTLE
SOUVENIRS,
THERE.

MY, MY...
YOU'VE BEEN A
BUSY LITTLE
WARRIOR,
HAVEN'T YOU?

FSSH

...DRAGON
RACE.

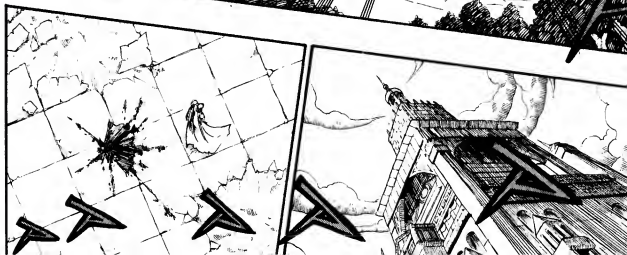
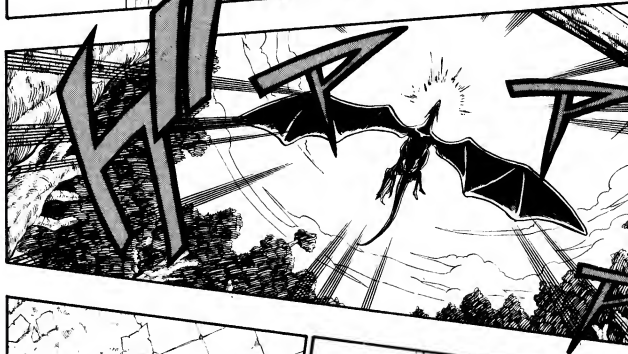
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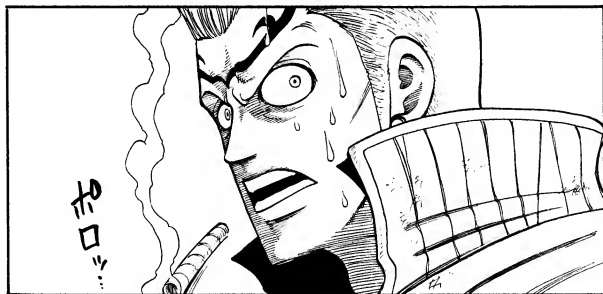
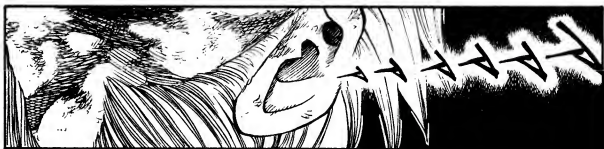
THANKS, BY
THE WAY.
YOU REALLY
KILLED MY
BOREDOM...



T-
TAKE...
CARE...

LET...







Haah

Haah

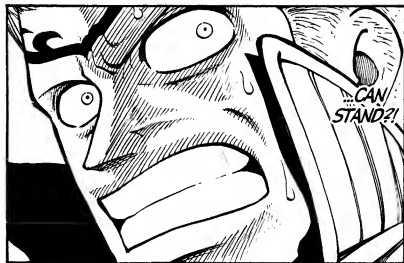
Haah

Haah

**I MUST
DEFEAT
HIM. I
SWEAR I
WILL!!**

**EVEN IF
THAT
VICTORY
COSTS ME
MY LIFE!!!**

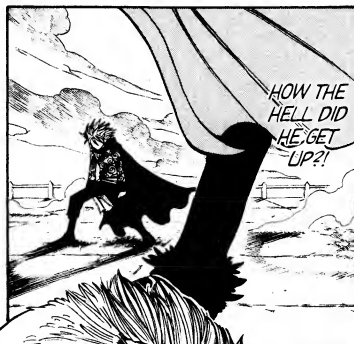




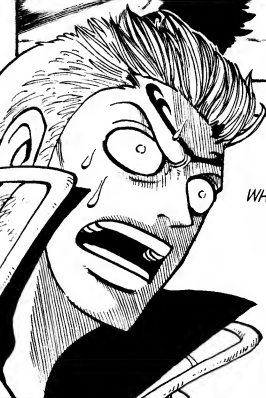
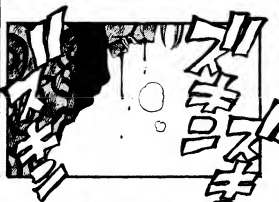
NO ONE CAN
TAKE THAT
LEVEL OF
PAIN!!

IT'LL
GRIND
YOUR
ENTIRE
NERVOUS
SYSTEM
INTO
DUST!!

BUT...I
RESTORED
THE PAIN
FROM EVERY
HIT YOU'VE
EVER TAKEN!



HOW THE
HELL DID
HE GET
UP?!



WHERE...

OR TO
VICTORY?!



IS HE
CLINGING
TO LIFE?!

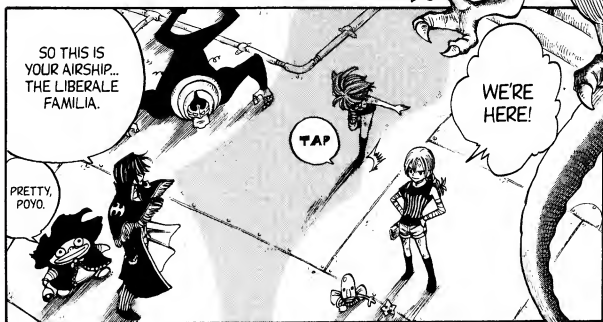


WHERE IS
THIS GUY'S
POWER
COMING
FROM?!

BOOM

BOOM

CRACK









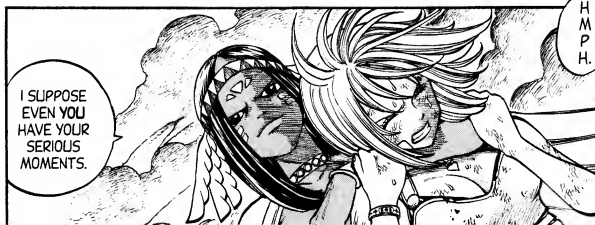


I'M ONE
OF KING'S
SIX ELITE
WARRIORS.

DIE?
YOU UNDER-
ESTIMATE
ME.

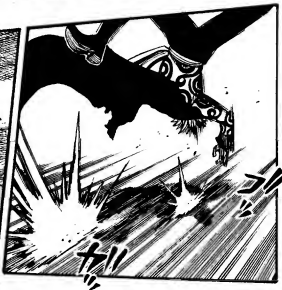
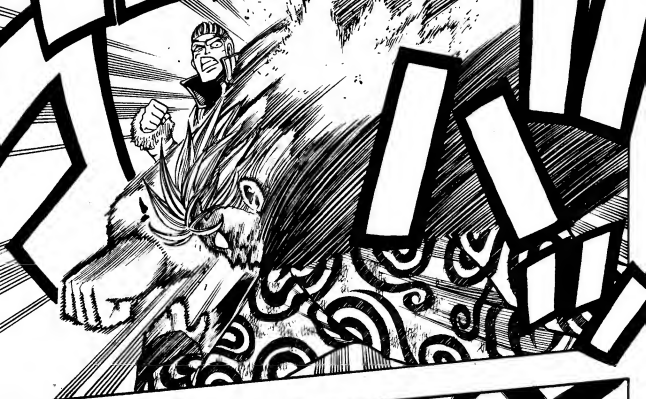
INTERFERE
AND ALL OF YOU
WILL DIE.

YOU'LL BE
THE ONLY
CORPSE
AROUND
HERE.



I SUPPOSE
EVEN YOU
HAVE YOUR
SERIOUS
MOMENTS.

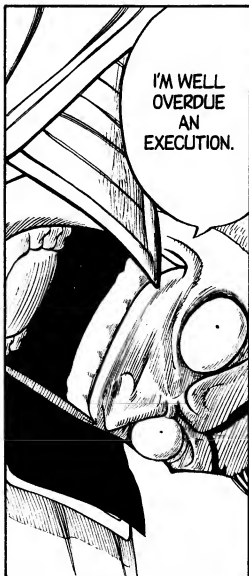
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M
P
H.

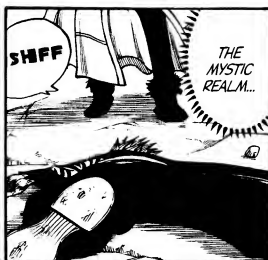
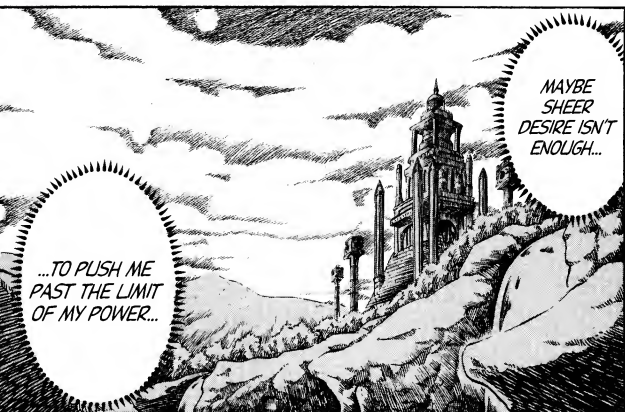


BUT
YOU'RE
WASTING
YOUR
TIME.

YEESH.
YOU'RE
PERSISTENT
AS HELL.

FSSH







YOU FARED
EVEN BETTER
THAN THE
RAVE MASTER.

THE
REALM...
IS
FINISHED.



OH, BY THE
WAY-THAT
LITTLE SNOT
IS DEAD.

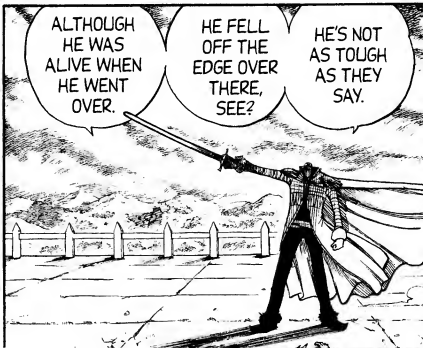


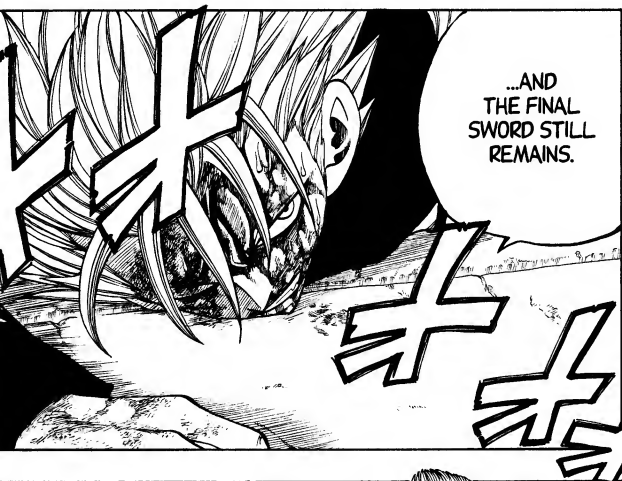
HEH.

ALTHOUGH
HE WAS
ALIVE WHEN
HE WENT
OVER.

HE FELL
OFF THE
EDGE OVER
THERE,
SEE?

HE'S NOT
AS TOUGH
AS THEY
SAY.



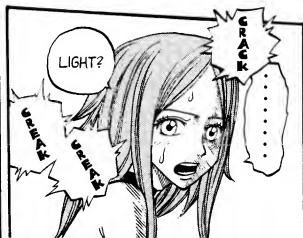
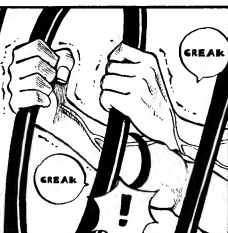




HE'LL
RETURN
HERE...

!!GGGGGZ

...TO
DEFEAT
YOU.



THAT
LIGHT!!

IS IT THE
POWER OF
RAVE?!

I HAVE
TO...GO!!!

BUT...
THAT'S
INSANE!

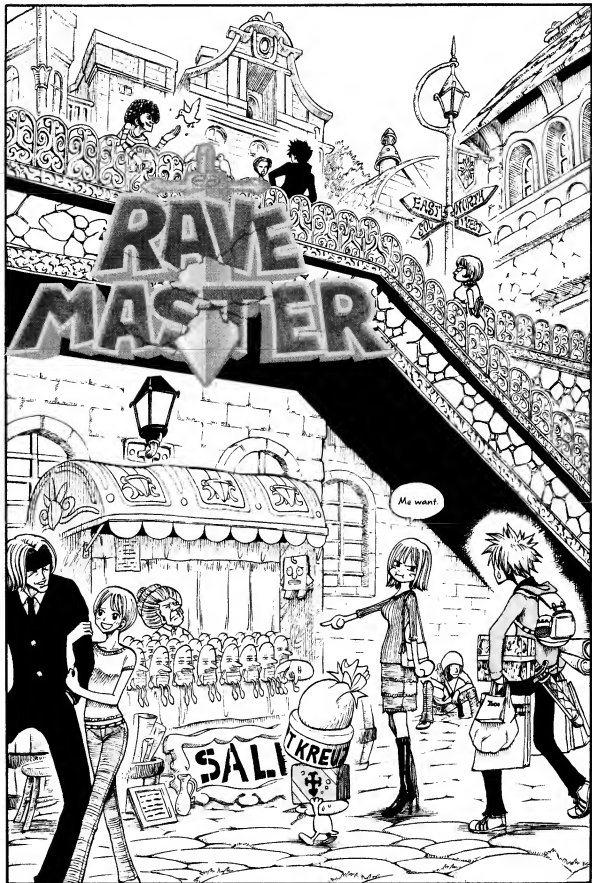
HE
BROKE
THE BARS!

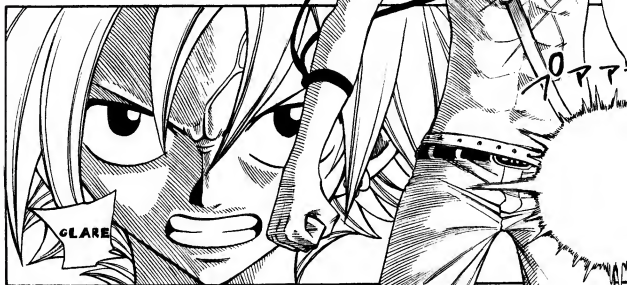
HOW DID
HE DO
THAT?!

HE'S
ONLY A
HUMAN!







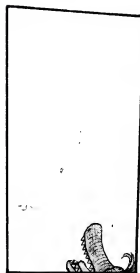






A
DRAGON!!!

GROOOOOOAR!



HOLY...



IT'S A
WEAK ONE,
THOUGH.

NOW?



HUH?!



SOMETHING
JUST FELL!

WAS IT A
PERSON?!

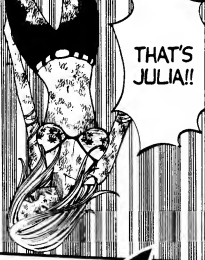


WAIT...

DID THEY
COME TO
HELP US?



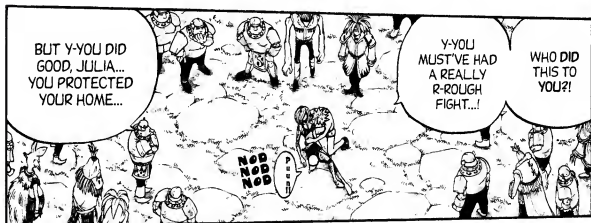
AND
YOUR
SWORD,
HARU!



THAT'S
JULIA!!



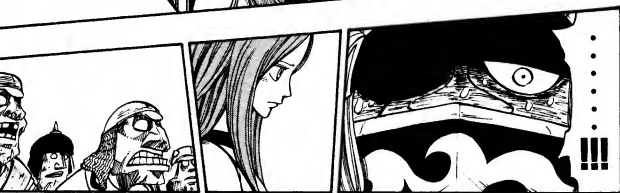
THOOM



SHE WAS
JUST
TRYING TO
SAVE HER
WORLD!!!

DAMN YOU,
HARDNER!!
I'M GONNA
GET YOU
FOR THIS!!!

WHY'D SHE
HAVE TO
SUFFER?!!

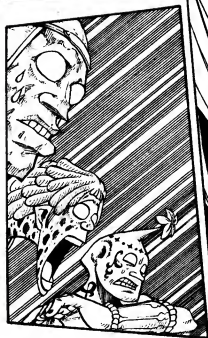


QUICK--
SEIZE
HIM!!

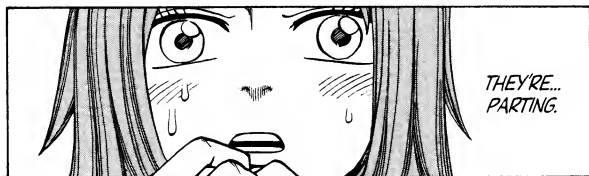
YOU...
YOU
WON'T
ESCAPE!

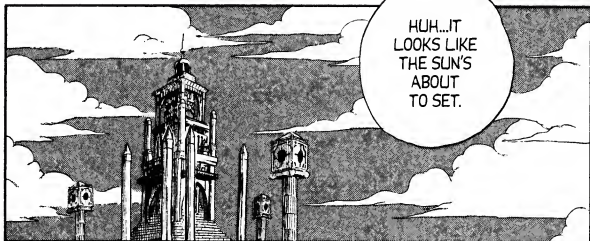
I'LL
TAKE
CARE OF
THIS...

I-IT'S OKAY,
JULIA...
IT'S GONNA
BE OKAY...

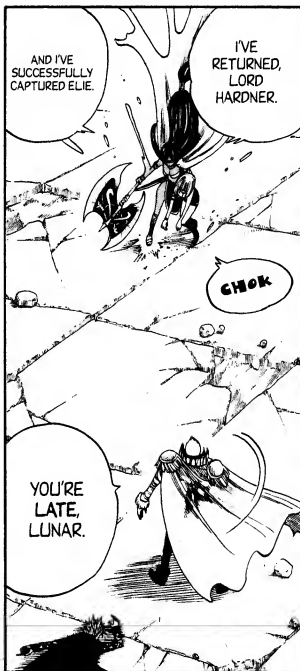


GET OUTTA
MY WAY.





HUH...IT
LOOKS LIKE
THE SUN'S
ABOUT
TO SET.



AND I'VE
SUCCESSFULLY
CAPTURED ELIE.

I'VE
RETURNED,
LORD
HARDNER.

CHOK

YOU'RE
LATE,
LUNAR.



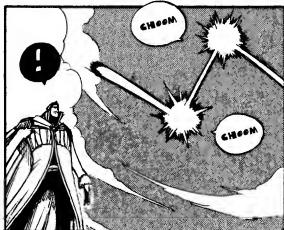
THIS POOR
IDIOT WAS
WRONG ABOUT
EVERYTHING.



EVEN IF THE
RAVE MASTER
IS ALIVE,
HE CAN'T
BEAT ME.

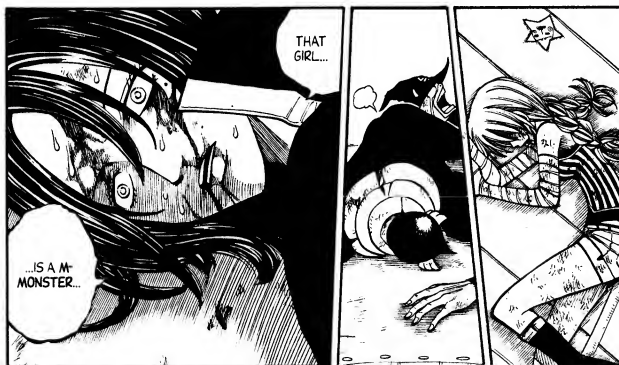
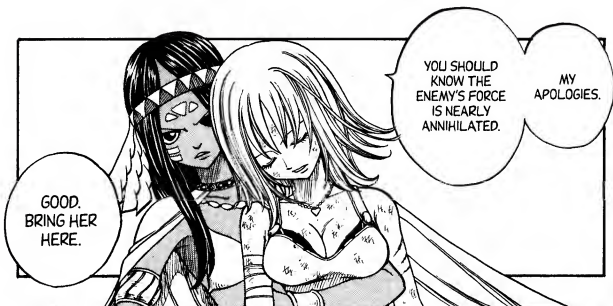
I'M
FREAKING
IMMORTAL.

Ha ha!



CHOOM

CHOOM

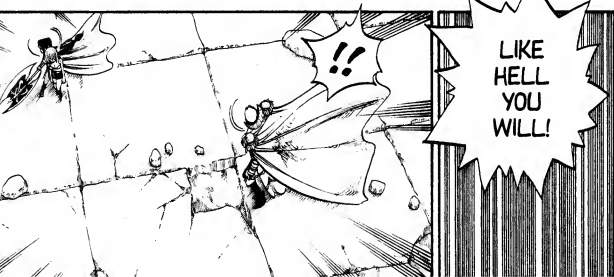


NOW I CAN FUSE
WITH ELIE AND
USE ETHERION TO
CALL ENDLESS.

IT'S
FINALLY
TIME.

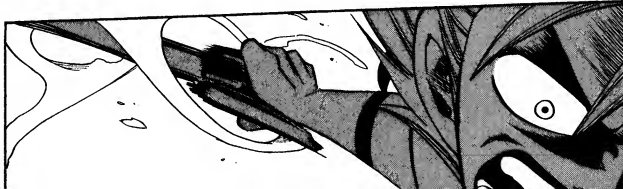
...
ENDLESS
AND I
WILL
BECOME
ONE!

AND
AFTER
THAT...



LIKE
HELL
YOU
WILL!

HARDNER!!!









WHAT'D
YOU DO
TO MY
FRIENDS
?!!



YOU'RE
THE LAST
INSECT I'M
SWATTING
TODAY!!!

SHUT
UP, YOU
LITTLE
TURD!!

HAAH!!!

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NOW TO
FINISH
WHAT I
STARTED!!!

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HUH?!



AGH!!



!!!

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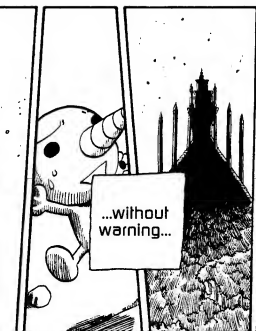
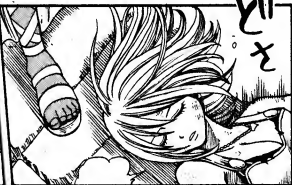
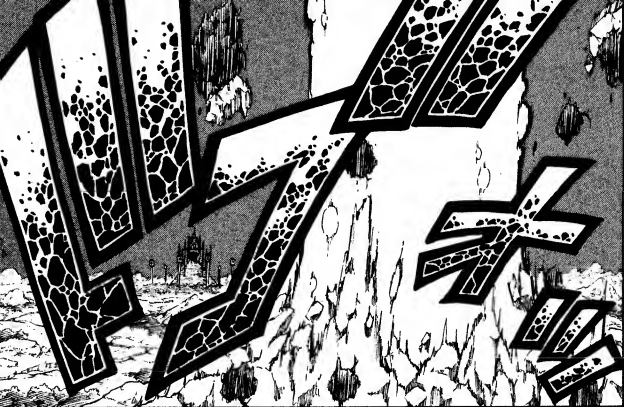
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...Endless,
the King of
Oblivion...

...descended
upon the
Mystic
Realm!!!

TO BE CONTINUED

"AFTERWORDS!"



ENDLESS APPEARS! AND HIS SHAPE'S DIFFERENT FROM LAST TIME! ACTUALLY, THAT GUY (?) DOESN'T HAVE A FIXED FORM. SINCE HE'S THE EMBODIMENT OF "MEMORY," HE CAN CHANGE HIS SHAPE ANYTIME HE FEELS LIKE IT. OR, WELL, ANYTIME I FEEL LIKE IT. (^_^) WHAT'LL HE LOOK LIKE NEXT TIME, I WONDER...? I BROUGHT ENDLESS OUT WITHOUT THINKING TOO MUCH ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT. I HAVE THE POWER!!! SO ANYWAY--THE BLUE GUARDIANS ARC HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR A WHILE, SO I FIGURED I NEEDED SOME KIND OF BIG IMPACT BY NOW. AND THERE HE IS! LIKE, GAH! I THINK NEXT VOLUME WILL WRAP UP THE BG ARC. WE'RE FINALLY GETTING TO THE END OF THE TALE--THE FINAL RAVE, ELIE'S MEMORY, THE RUINS OF SYMPHONIA, THE FINAL BATTLE! JUST A LITTLE LONGER...I THINK. (^_^) BUT WILL THE JIGGLE BUTT GANG APPEAR AGAIN?! WELL...I'LL TRY NOT TO DISAPPOINT ALL YOU READERS WHO'VE STUCK WITH ME FOR 27 VOLUMES.

CHANGING THE SUBJECT, THE CURRENTLY SERIALIZED "PLUE'S DOG DIARY" FINALLY RELEASED A FIRST VOLUME. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT PLUE'S THE MAIN CHARACTER. IT'S A GAG MANGA; I DREW IT SO ANYONE CAN HAVE FUN WITH IT, SO BY ALL MEANS, CHECK IT OUT. THERE ARE EXTRA PAGES, TOO--28 PAGES! RAVE MASTER CHARACTERS APPEAR IN SHORT MANGA SECTIONS FOR THE GRAPHIC NOVEL, AS WELL. IT SEEMS LIKE ALL I'VE BEEN DOING LATELY IS ANNOUNCING GRAPHIC NOVELS. THAT'S ALL FROM MASHIMA! GAH!

HIRO MASHIMA

Hiro Mashima